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Peony Collection

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Garden Beautiful PEONY COLLECTION



No. 1



No. 2



No. 3



No. 4



No. 5



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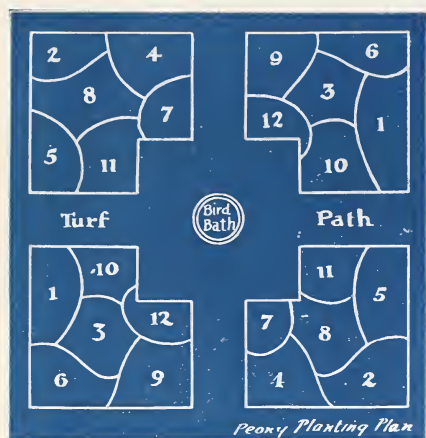


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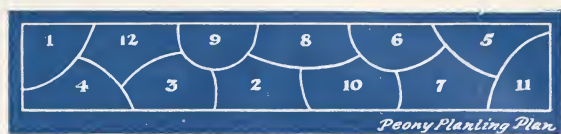
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Peony Plantings of Distinction



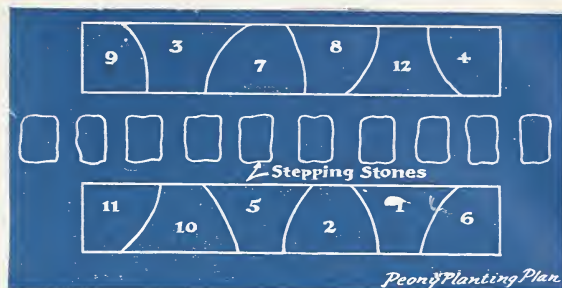
PLAN No. 1—2 COLLECTIONS

Planting Areas—Approximately 6 Feet x 6 Feet.
Width of Paths 2 Feet



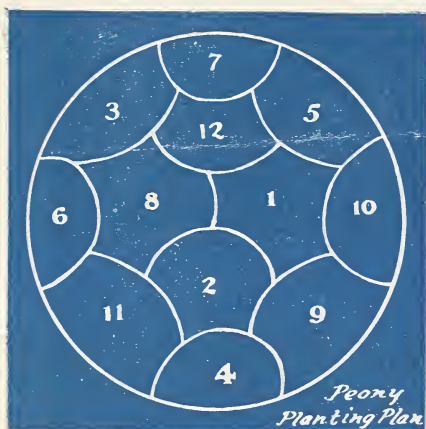
PLAN No. 3—1 COLLECTION

Planting Area—18 Feet x 4 Feet



PLAN No. 4—1 COLLECTION

Planting Areas—18 Feet x 2 Feet



PLAN No. 2—1 COLLECTION

Planting Area—9 Feet in Diameter

NOTE—A pleasing and more artistic effect will be obtained if these simple Planting Plans are followed. The plants being arranged as to the season of bloom and color.



A Peony Garden with a Wealth of Bloom

FOR those of you who love flowers but have never yet grown Peonies, there is a world of pleasure awaiting you. If you do not now have a flower garden, but aspire to have one some day, a few Peonies planted this fall will make a splendid beginning, and will each year give you ever increasing pleasure and enjoyment. Not until you grow these gorgeous flowers yourself can you know of the rapturous pleasure of watching the development of the seemingly insignificant bud into a marvelously beautiful bloom, and of the enjoyable sensation and thrill of cutting these exquisite flowers for the house or for your acquaintances.

THE PEONY — *Rival of the Rose*

LIKE many other plants intensely interesting because of their charming blooms, the Peony of today is the most showy decorative plant we have, rivaling the rose in charm. We offer in this wonderful collection 12 of the finest varieties that have responded to modern culture.

Hardy and Long-Lived

Peonies are easy to grow, perfectly hardy and, when established in the garden, become a permanent subject in the landscape. They bear large and showy flowers of a great range of colors. Some are delicately scented, proving themselves to be ideal for cut flowers. There are several varieties in this collection that are fragrant.

Variety of Uses

The Peony is fine as a specimen plant, for massing, for borders, for cover in front of shrubbery, and is one of the very best low hedging plants. It gives color and variety to every form of landscape decoration. It is hardy in almost any climate and any soil, is easily established and requires little care; is free from plant diseases and insect pests.

Planting and Cultivating Peonies

Peonies require a reasonably fertile, well drained soil and should have full sun at least half of the day. Peonies do not bloom well in a shady location, so plant them in an open space, if possible, where they will have plenty of sunshine. They should never be planted in soil where Peonies have been grown before. They prefer heavy rather than light soils. Like the Rose, the Peony is a gross feeder. Plant so that the eyes or buds are not more than two inches below the surface of the ground. Too deep planting is detrimental to the blooming habit of the plant, and is sometimes the cause of the plant not blooming at all. They should be spaced about 3 feet apart. When used for hedging, set 24 inches apart. It is better to cut down your Peonies as soon as the leaves stop growing or begin to look unsightly, usually in September. When you fertilize use bonemeal and acid phosphate. Well rotted manure can be used after they become established. Wood ashes will help. Peonies do not like to be moved, therefore, it is best to place them where they will establish themselves. For winter protection a light covering of straw is sufficient.

Names of Varieties

Key No.	Name
1.	Mme. de Verneville
2.	Modeste
3.	Model de Perfection
4.	Mme. Ducl
5.	Couronne d'Or
6.	Floral Treasure

Key No.	Name
7.	Felix Crousse
8.	Festiva Maxima
9.	Marechal Valliant
10.	Duchess de Nemours
11.	Edulis Superba
12.	Karl Rosenfield